

ISAAC HOLBROOK.

APRIL 2, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LAYTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 2396.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2396) granting a pension to Isaac Holbrook, having carefully considered the same, report as follows:

Said soldier, Isaac Holbrook, enlisted and was duly enrolled as a private in Company G, One hundred and twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the 20th day of August, 1862. On the 11th day of September, 1862, all the members of the company, save and except said Holbrook, were regularly mustered into the United States service at Camp Delaware, Ohio. Said Holbrook was not mustered at the same time, because he was then lying sick in the hospital. Soon thereafter the regiment was ordered to the front, and, in compliance with the orders of his captain, said Holbrook fell in line and went with his regiment to Cincinnati, Ohio, where it was duly armed and equipped, and then proceeded to a point south of Louisville, Ky. While in camp at this place he again took sick, and was sent across the Ohio River to a Government Hospital at New Albany. After remaining in this hospital for a short time, and after partial treatment for and recovery from his sickness, he was told by the officer in charge to go home, as he had never been mustered, and on account of his then physical disabilities, which were probably permanent, he never would be. That thereupon he went from thence to Columbus, Ohio, where, on or about the 20th day of January, 1863, he was paid for the five months he had actually served, and then went home. He never again entered the service.

He was a strong, healthy man when he first enlisted. He has been more or less disabled ever since he left the service. He was never actually mustered. He never received a certificate of discharge. He is now about 75 years of age, in feeble health, and totally incapacitated from performing manual labor. He has no property or income, but is dependent upon charity and friends for support.

He made application for pension (claim No. 773501), but it was rejected on the ground that he had never been duly mustered in the service and never received a certificate of discharge.

All the foregoing facts are clearly shown by the official records and the sworn testimony of comrades and neighbors.

In view of all the facts above stated, your committee are of the opinion that said soldier is entitled to the relief sought, notwithstanding the fact that he was never formally mustered into the service, and therefore earnestly recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment: Add thereto the following words: "And pay him a pension of twelve dollars per month."